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TO THE JERUSALEM CHURCHES

The eighth verse of the first chapter of Acts contains the words "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." There, it seems to me, is both the order and extent of the community program of Jesus. The Master would be interested in strong central churches. But the disciples were to tarry in Jerusalem only until something should happen. When "endued with power from on high" they were to go out and minister to the near-by countryside—Judea, and to the place of the new-American—Samaria. Having done that, their interest would not fail to comprehend the "uttermost part of the earth."

The "project" method is being launched within the denomination. The "romance of the far away" will make it easy to select a field in Montana, Arizona or Alabama. I would call the attention of the Jerusalem churches of Northern California to a nearer and neglected project—Calaveras County.

Associate Superintendent Eckles introduced me to it the other day, and Rev. Isaac Cookman took us over it. Both men are, by the way, the right men in the right places. But for a man of seventy-four summers Mr. Cookman should sit at the feet of Mutt and Jeff and learn to "use discretion." We had already driven one hundred and fifty-six miles by four o'clock of a Friday afternoon. But Mr. Cookman and his Buick insisted on touring us forty more miles from Angels Camp "to see the big trees." My how he did mount the ascents and shoot the curves! It is a good thing not to have many hairs on the top of one's head when every one of them stands up on end and yanks. I am not sure whether the Dominie was in on it or not "to give 'em a thrill." But someone took three pot shots at us, making the dust spurt near enough to be suggestive. On Saturday and Sunday we were shunted over some hundred and fifty miles more within the County.

Even at such speed, and seeing all that we did, three days was not sufficient to go deeply into things. But there are situations where he who runs can read. I am relying on the 1920 Census Compendium to supply the rest.

Calaveras County is almost under the shadow of two Jerusalem churches with total area of 657,000 acres of land, of which 366,000 are in farms. The number of individual farms is 606, and their valuation $6,124,432. Of these farms 556 are operated by owners and 57 of them by tenants. 382 of them are free from debt, and 123 mortgaged. Mining is cited as the chief industry, together with a thriving cement enterprise. But I am inclined to think that the really substantial future of Calaveras county will be realized along agricultural lines.

The population of the County is above average grade. It totals 6,183 of whom 1,035 are foreign born whites. 2,022 of the people are farmers. But here is the most significant figure! 2,147, or about one-third of the total population, are young people between the ages of seven and twenty-one years. 742 of these attend the 36 schools scattered over the County—every one of these buildings, I am told, being available for social and religious uses. Two High Schools enroll 240 pupils. There are only 231 illiterates in the County.

How about conditions of Spiritual illiteracy? There I shall let you use your own imagination! And remember. Calaveras County is a Congregational responsibility.

As far as Protestantism is concerned, the religious needs of this entire county are cared for by two ministers—one eighty-three years old and the other seventy-four. A week-end college student preaches at San Andreas. We have four church buildings—at Angels Camp, San Andreas, Murphys and Mokelumne Hill. The latter is kept up by a Ladies' Aid Society and "used by anyone." I doubt, however, if the membership of all the churches totals much over a hundred. The Sunday schools will probably make no better showing—and this with over two thousand young people in the County.

Mr. Cookman, who is really seventy-four years young, has been on the field only a month. He is settling into things in a quiet, thoughtful manner. But what is he among so many? And what can he accomplish unless Congregationalism really helps him to make his dreams come true? A Calaveras County Parish is more than a reasonable possibility. Personally, I consider it in some ways a more promising field for such a venture than was the much talked of Plateau Valley Larger Parish of Colorado, launched during the administration of Superintendent Minchin in that state.

There are resources, interest, and folks enough in Calaveras County to make a "demonstration" parish which shall be creditable to Congregationalism. There is sufficient belief in religion and the church. But these will not be enlisted by anything other than a leadership and program of a challenging sort, dominated by "the long term view." The method must be "to sell the thing by doing it." Our work has languished in Calaveras County during the past largely because it has never been attempted in a manner calculated to win. Nor are folks going to be merely argued into a belief that something better is at hand. They will have to be shown. People, as I saw them, seemed to be able and willing to buy what they really wanted. I question whether any "felt want" for what Congregationalism might give has ever been created. Mining regions talk in big terms. Something beside a "gesture" must be attempted to get following and support for this religious project. Wherever the denomination has stepped out on faith and made a real investment, along the lines now to be suggested, new and hitherto entirely untapped financial resources have been uncovered. There has never been any trouble about interesting folks.

As a field specialist, this is about what I would prescribe. (1) The inauguration of a Calaveras County Parish as a "special" rural demonstration on the basis of a five year investment. (2) The conduct of the enterprise to be under a Parish Council with representatives delegates from Angels Camp, San Andreas, Mokelumne Hill and Murphys, adding others as interest grows. (3) A dual ministry, one minister to be pre-eminently a preacher and pastor, the other a trained specialist in religious education and social-recreational work. (4) The use of two college students next summer, under supervision of the ministers and Council. (5) The "big brothering" of this "project" by the Jerusalem churches of Stockton and Sacramento, through social and religious visitation by individuals and "teams," and in such other ways as may be mutually devised.

The Program of field activities would include (1) A regular circuit of preaching services at the above named points, (2) Use of the schoolhouses for religious and social occasions outside the centers, (3) The visitation of isolated homes, distribution of our denominational Sunday school papers, and the use of the Lesson Helps in the homes. (4) Care for worship and religious education at both the Poor Farm in San Andreas, and the new children's tuberculosis home at Murphys.

Such a program will be developed gradually. But here are a few investments the Jerusalem churches can make immediately. For the "demonstration" is already on the way! (1) There is need for a piano at Angels Camp. Someone in a Jerusalem church has got an old piano, or can buy such taken in exchange by a piano store. Drop a line to Rev. Isaac Cookman, and it will be called for. (2) A stereopticon would be a wonderful asset throughout the County. What Woman's Society will donate that? (3) There is need for church hymnals—good ones. Here is a "project" for another Jerusalem church. (4) The Sunday-school and Young People's Society need a song book. What like group will donate some such book as "Songs for American Youth?" (5) Finally, and this is to every Jerusalem, or other church, in Northern California! Will you not have "A Book Sunday!" On the appointed day let every one bring a really gook book to church. Have some one box them, and send to Angels Camp to start a community library in the little church annex.

MALCOLM DANA.

THE SUMMER SLUMP

Every summer we face a heavy shrinkage in benevolence receipts. With the opening of church work in the fall the returns pick-up quite gradually. This year the shrinkage was larger than usual and the pick-up is slower. A few have been frank enough to admit that they have sinned in using benevolence money to tide over the current expenses. If this be true in a number of instances we trust that the treasurers will give an early and adequate account of such funds that our treasury may be filled. We think that the most of the loss will be overcome. It will cheer our hearts to have made up by the first of November. It may be that the pastors are hoping for a similar response from their members.

MODOC ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Modoc Association was held in the Adin church, October 3 and 4. Although there are only three active churches in this association, and only two of these have resident pastors, a program of real merit was carried through. The presence of the Assistant Superintendent served as a connecting link between these remote churches and the wider fellowship.

The opening service on Monday evening was presided over by the Moderator, Rev. S. C. Carson, pastor at Alturas. Rev. J. R. Shoemaker of Fort Bidwell, conducted the devotional service. An address was given by Mr. Eckles.

Tuesday morning the devotional period was in charge of Mr. J. T. Steel, a young business man of Adin, who, in addition to his position in one of the general stores, is conducting preaching services in the Adin church. This was followed by two addresses. One by Mr. Eckles on "Echoes from our National Council," and one by Mr. Shoemaker on "Our Task."

Following these addresses came the reports of the churches, which proved to be one of the most interesting portions of the entire program. Encouraging words came from each of the churches represented.

Mrs. Shoemaker opened the afternoon session with devotional thoughts and gave an address. Mr. Steele spoke on the theme, "The Influence of the Church in the Community." And a most excellent and informing paper was read by Mrs. Lee De Camp, a resident of Alturas, and a daughter of the late Professor Stearns, for twenty years a teacher in Pomona College.

The annual sermon was given at the closing session Tuesday evening by Mr. Shoemaker on the theme, "The Uplifted Christ." The closing address was by Mr. Carson, the Moderator, on "The Unknown Workers."

Mr. Carson was re-elected Moderator, with Mr. Shoemaker as Assistant Moderator. Miss Anna Williams was re-elected Registrar.

WATTS PYE MEMORIAL SERVICE

The February number of Fenchow carries an article by Paul R. Reynolds reciting the first anniversary of Dr. Pye's death. He writes:

"Chinese and foreigners gathered in the Chapel of the Harwood Bible School for a Memorial Service. The undertone of the meeting was that of reconsecration. Again and again the words of the speakers, the hymns and the petitions of the prayers expressed the deep feeling that we were gathered there to renew our purposes in the light of Dr. Pye's unstinted giving of himself, to pledge afresh our very best in a mission of loving service to all those in need."

One of the testimonies was given by Mr. Tsao I, recently graduated from Yen Ching University and School of Religion. He spoke of the inspiration Dr. Pye had been in the lives of countless students. Mr. Chang Yuan K'ai, Principal of the Middle Schools told of the Revolution year and how when all foreigners were ordered out of the interior Dr. Pye refused to go, remaining all winter living chiefly on Chinese food.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions passed by the Northern California Conference of Congregational Churches, at Asilomar, California, August 2, 1927.

WHEREAS, we recognize the need of continuous education and agitation for world peace;

RESOLVED, that this Conference recommend to the churches that Sunday, November 6, be observed as Peace Sunday and that ministers be requested to preach upon some aspect of world peace on that day.

RESOLVED, further, that we commend the work and purpose of the National Council for Prevention of War to our churches for their cooperation and financial support.

MRS. HODGDON VISITS STOCKTON

Mrs. Frank W. Hodgdon has just spent a week with the Stockton church conducting a School of Song. It has been a great inspiration to the church. From the vantage point of music Mrs. Hodgdon has turned the thoughts of the congregation towards worship, loyalty to the church and Christian service. I should like to say to the minister and members of any church to which she is going to render this service that there is more to be gained than just a general awakening of interest in church music.

Mrs. Hodgdon conducts a real school. There are certain physical principles of singing such as all trained singers know and use. In the school of song these principles are taught and those who attend are drilled in them. Some simple but very important things regarding the placing of tones and enunciation are very effectively taught. Appreciation of music as a factor in cultural, moral and religious life is the heart of Mrs. Hodgdon's creed. Aside from the benefits to the church as a whole there are many individuals in every congregation who would be eager to have the training in these basic elements of singing if they only realized that regular attendance upon the School of Song would give such training.

Mrs. Hodgdon has mastered the technique of teaching. And back of the pedagogical method is the full force of her vital personality. She does the impossible. She arrived in Stockton Saturday afternoon, September 17. On the evening of Sunday, September 25 she presented a musical program in which a junior and an adult choir did most creditable work. There were other features, a solo, a duet, a quartette, a violin solo and tremendous congregational singing of great hymns. But the impossible thing was that two choirs should sing after only five rehearsals the anthems of Brahms, Gaul and Dudley Buck. The whole choir was never all together until that Sunday night; the anthems had never been sung clear through before that time; some of the members of our regular choir and soloists had not rehearsed with the choir at all; some of the singers had never sung in a choir in their lives before; the children had never seen the words or music of one of the songs they sang, "The starling in the church steeple," by Liza Lehmann. the two choirs had never sung together the antiphonal hymn; the double processional of the two choirs, entering the auditorium at different points and taking different positions in the church had never been rehearsed together. And yet processionals, anthems and antiphonals all were carried through not only with success but with a culminating effect.

I think we have not only a new enthusiasm for music, both choir and congregational, in our church but also a larger vision of the things possible through the effective use of music as a medium of worship.

HUGH V. WHITE.

CHANGING TURKEY

Changing Turkey let me give two bits of reminiscence. They may illustrate. When I wrote my first circular letter after my return to this country in 1919 I said that the word most often used by those I talked with when I landed in Constantinople was "chaos," and it seemed to be growing more chaotic every day. And that was true. No one would dream, not the most unfriendly critic, of describing the conditions today as "chaos." You may say it is not democracy—it is so hard to say what is—but it is a strong, stable government, not even the United States, which is perhaps less ready than anybody else to make political experiments today, need fear to do diplomatic business with it.

The other is more of a story. In the fall of 1915 soon after the deportations. I went up Mt. Olympus with one of the Embassy men who was at the time in Brousa. We were on horseback, and when we were coming back we stopped to get some water at a shepherd's hut. We did not dismount but he sent his traveling cup by his servant to fill. Of course the man brought the water first to the Consul. He said, "Take it to Mademoiselle," to which the man replied in a rather dazed way, "Don't you want any?" To which the Consul answered, "Afterwards." Of course the servant obeyed, but he gave him a look which seemed to say that a person like that ought not to be left loose in an already disordered universe. Ten years later, when I was in charge of the Brousa school, I spent a large part of my time fighting the question of property taxes on the school, the interpretation of the law being then very uncertain, and the office in Constantinople very anxious to establish our claims to exemption on school property. During one of my many visits to the Defterdar, I was in the room when a number of people were present, among them the mayor of the city. The servant brought in coffee, and without any order or any hesitation he brought it first to me. I was a woman, I was a foreigner, I was there on business which would be to their distinct disadvantage if I succeeded, I was in the presence of their own officials. I got the coffee first. Of course many other things happened in those ten years, but to those who know Turkey this story has a meaning.

EDITH F. PARSONS.

Glen Ellen—A birthday surprise which had been planned months ahead came to a successful conclusion Sunday evening, Sept. 25, when members and friends of the Congregational Church, Glen Ellen, assembled to do honor to the pastor, the Rev. W. H. Youngman, whose birthday occurred this week. The huge attendance included friends from Bennett Valley, a distant point; Eldridge, which is a part of this parish; and Sonoma.

The church was attractively decorated with greens, foliage, autumn leaves and flowers. On a table near the front door, were heaped birthday gifts of great number and variety. Large red letters in a green frame spelling Happy Birthday gave the pastor the clue to the purpose of the occasion, after which he was invited to listen to an elaborate sacred program, which took the place of the regular evening service.

Glen Ellen talent was augmented by musical talent from Sonoma and Eldridge. Among the contributors to the program was Mrs. G. Neill, musical director at the Sonoma State Home. A fine tribute was paid Mr. Youngman by the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. C. A. Wilson. Mr. W. S. Bonbright, an officer of the church, offered a special prayer, and Miss Amy Poppe, superintendent of the Christian Endeavor Society, read an original poem. Others taking part were: Forest Remy, Mrs. Myrtle Weise, Miss Olive Gore, Mrs. Emilie Grinstead, Stanley Larkin, Mr. Ray Grinstead, and Miss Bessie Walker.

THREE OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS

The fall showing in church calendars is quite attractive. Below we show a few samples conscious that there are others worthy of notice—

Sunday evenings at Stockton reveal a course of three on "Woman in the Modern World" by the pastor, Rev. Hugh V. White.

October —"Woman's Conquest of a Man-made World."

October 16—"Are Romance and Chivalry Out of Date?"

October 23—"Freedom and the Bonds of Matrimony."

Fresno gets the advantage of its pastor's travels in a course on Sunday mornings in which Dr. Giffen "undertakes to set forth some of the deeper meanings that may come to a traveller who tries to see more than is written in guide books" and offers for October Sunday evenings the following course:

October 2—In England and Scotland.
October 9—In Italy.
October 16—In Ireland.
October 23—In Egypt.
October 30—In Palestine and Syria.

Sacramento has a morning course of sermons answering some of the great questions of the soul—

October 2—Being Sure of God.
October 9—Finding the Way to God.
October 16—Mending a Torn Soul.
October 23—Learning Again to Pray.
October 30—Sharing the Joyous Quest.

The evening course runs for two months in which Dr. Gill gives a series on "Religion of American Poets" covering Emerson, Holmes, Lowell, Bryant, Whitman, Whittier, Longfellow.

We hear of other courses such as those given by Dr. McCall of Berkeley and Dr. Breed of Petaluma. Word comes to us that there is a growing interest in Sunday evening services when and where the ministers give it the same place in their thinking that they do the morning service. We will be happy to have this confirmed by other experiences.

Petaluma—Petaluma First held its annual meeting early in September, when the Women's Service club served the dinner. The reports given by officers and chairmen of committees show improvement in the work, and recommendations were made looking toward further advance. Rev. Noel J. Breed began his pastorate there just preceeding the annual meeting.

Ripon—At a recent meeting of the Church body of the Congregational Church the Rev. E. L. Spuller, was unanimously elected as pastor for the coming year. Mr. Spuller has had a very successful year, just past, and has proved himself a community man as well as a Church man.

The attendance all through the summer held up splendidly both morning and evening, and the missionary slides every Sunday evening were a great benefit to all.

The Sunday School attendance is increasing rapidly after the usual summer slump.

Lodi—The First Church of Lodi has entered the harvest season, when six were added to the membership during the month of September. This is a promising beginning for the fall and winter season.

PERSONALS

Word comes to the office that Mrs. K. E. S. Hoskins passed away Saturday, October 8.

The Superintendent was at Cloverdale Sunday, October 2, and had a visit with Mrs. Rathbone. She is still very ill and is planning to enter a sanitarium for closer observation and daily treatment.

Dr. Luman H. Royce, Secretary for City Work made us a flying visit early in the month. He is always welcome with his nuggets of wisdom on the urban and suburban work.

Rev. B. Y. Leang, recently of our Chinese Church in Chicago succeeds Rev. Lee Hong in our First Chinese Church, San Francisco. He made us an office visit soon after his arrival.

Rev. W. H. Hannaford has resigned as pastor of the church at Martinez and is at present available for supply work in and around the Bay region.

Rev. J. E. Enman of the southern conference is to act as a stated supply at Martinez while the church is seeking a new pastor. He was formerly pastor at Ogden, Utah.

Rev. Henry Stauffer has been serving as a supply pastor during the summer months and will gladly respond to calls for such service for longer or shorter periods.

THANK OFFERING MATERIAL

The Conference office has received a good shipment of supplies for Thank Offering Services: boxes, envelopes, two orders of service (one for a service where there is a choir, the other without) also invitations. The price list is as follows:

Thank Offering Services (Dr. C. S. Mills) ..... 1c each
Thank Offering Boxes (Baskets) ..... 1c each
Thank Offering Envelopes ..... ½c each
Thank Offering Invitations ..... 70c per 100

OTHER ITEMS

Ceres—Our Ceres church joined with other churches in making October 2 "Go-to-Church-Day." It was a success in every way. During the week previous, "teams" from the five churches made a house to house religious canvass and survey of the entire community.

The Ceres Pastor is Pastoral-Counselor of the Stanislaus-Merced Christian Endeavor Union, and at his invitation all "C. E." Pastors in the Union were invited to Ceres Parish House to meet Dr. Lewis B. Hillis, of Berkeley, State Pastoral-Counselor. There were 6 different denominations represented. The meeting was very practical and helpful. The C. E. Society of our Ceres Church served a "Preacher's-Favorite-Supper" very efficiently.

Ceres is planning to be host for a Fall Set Up Meeting October 14 for this part of Central Association.

SEPTEMBER BENEVOLENCES

Berkeley, First	$ 535.90
Berkeley Park	46.30
Berkeley North	150.00
Cloverdale	49.00
Crockett	12.50
Fresno First	43.87
Grass Valley	44.12
Kenwood	8.00
Lockeford	34.35
Oakland First	540.00
Oakland Plymouth	50.00
Oakland Pilgrim	35.00
Pacific Grove	21.27
Petaluma	67.85
Redwood City	100.00
San Jose	20.00
San Leandro	18.75
Santa Cruz	250.00
Santa Rosa First	32.00
Woodside	10.50
Miscellaneous	685.00
Total	$2,754.41

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

ESTERDAY AND TODAY IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE

By DOROTHY DOYLE

Forty-one years ago the Southern alifornia (District) Association of ongregational Ministers and Church- met at Lugonia, California, in May, 86 and appointed a committee of ree to "report at their next annual eeting as to the expediency of in- ituting a General Association of outhern California, and also of form- g two or more District Associations ithin the limits of said General As- ciation." This committee was com- osed of Rev. J. T. Ford, A. J. Wells nd T. D. Murphy. On September 28, 86, the General Association of Cali- rnia met at Woodland and passed, without a dissenting vote," a resolu- on that "should the churches south the northern line of San Luis Obis- o, Kern and San Bernardino Counties e disposed to organize themselves in- a General Association of Southern alifornia, this Association will cor- ially acquiesce in such action and ill bid them a sincere God-speed, and ill do its full share in maintaining very year a practical and fraternal orrespondence."

With this encouragement from the arent Association the Southern Cali- rnia (District) Association met May , 1887 to receive the report of the ommittee appointed in 1886 and dopted the following resolution "that his Association be separated after the lose of this meeting into at least two istrict Associations, one to be called he Los Angeles Association, and to omprehend, besides the churches of os Angeles County those of Santa arbara and Ventura Counties, until hey desire to form a District Asso- iation by themselves; another to be alled the San Bernardino Association nd to comprehend with the churches f San Bernardino County, those also f San Diego County, until the latter re ready to form a separate District ssociation." Since that time the San iego and Kern Associations have een formed.

Rev. J. T. Ford, chairman of the ommittee, was evidently an energetic nd far sighted man. He realized the dvantages of a separate Association f Congregational Churches for South- rn California and at the first meeting eld to consider the recommendations f the committee he announced "that aid committee had transcended the ommission given them and to facili- ate organization had prepared a form f constitution and rules for a general ssociation, which they were ready to resent for the consideration of the neeting." Their constitution was read nd, after some amendments, adopted.

The first published minutes of the Association were brought out in 1888 nd contain the minutes of the 1st and 2nd annual meetings of the General Congregational Association of South- rn California, held with the First Congregational Church of Los Ange- es, May 3, 4, and 5, 1887 and with he First Church of Christ in River- side, May 8, 9 and 10, 1888.

The officers elected at this first neeting were: Rev. T. C. Hunt, Mod- rator; Rev. A. J. Wells, Asst. Moder- tor; Mr. G. W. Beattie, Scribe; Rev. J. T. Ford, Registrar, and Rev. E. R. Brainerd, Statistical Secretary. Com- nittees were appointed on—Home Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance, Arrangements for the Next Meeting and Publication.

A collection was taken to defray the expenses connected with the organiza- ion amounting to $18.85.

Just before the adjournment of the first meeting the following resolution was offered and adopted:—"Whereas the distance is so great between Northern and Southern California our circumstances are so different and the growth of Southern California so rapid as to require the most prompt and efficient action; and whereas, we have already organized a General Association of Southern California, therefore, Resolved: that it is the judgment of this Association that the American Home Missionary Society should regard Southern California as an independent district alike in the Superintendency, the apportionment of money and the obligations to be met."

There are no statistics showing the number of churches represented at the first meeting or the number of delegates attending, but at the Second Annual Meeting in Riverside 30 churches were represented by 40 delegates; 25 ministers were present and 11 honorary members. At the Forty-first Meeting 279 delegates attended representing 84 churches; 125 ministers, including 80 pastors were present. Of the thirty churches represented at this meeting sixteen are on the roll of the Conference today, and of the attending ministers, whose names are listed in the minutes, three, Rev. T. C. Hunt, Rev. H. P. Case and Rev. J. H. Harwood, are listed in the Conference Minutes of 1927.

Rev. J. T. Ford, Registrar and Home Missionary Superintendent, presented a report that is full of interest. Ten new churches had been organized during the year, and, "there are now 35 churches in the Association of which 21 receive missionary aid. The number of accredited Congregational ministers in active service within the bounds of the Association is 41, of whom 23 have received missionary aid during the past year. We have 15 ministers not in active service, making the whole number 56." There are now 119 churches in the Southern California Conference of which 45 receive Missionary Aid, 140 ministers not in active service and 108 in service, making the total number of ministers at present 248.

Mr. Ford's report continues: "Four of our churches have within the year assumed the entire support of their ministry. These are National City, Pomona, Vernon and Poway; tho in regard to the latter place it should rather be said that the Minister, with the aid of the church, supports himself! Your Superintendent visiting not long ago a region where some of the ranches are exceedingly declivitous urged upon the congregation to make their voluntary Sabbath contributions more systematic by setting apart the tenth. One man spoke out in meeting and said, 'I could easier give a tenth of my income than make my Sabbath contribution. I'll give my ranch if anybody will climb up on a ladder and get it.' The real growth of this region has exceeded the sanguine expectation of the time . . . . the face of many a village and city has been changed almost beyond recognition by the multiplication of its houses . . . . we rejoice in the unprecedented progress of our church work, but we have not kept pace with this rush of material advancement, the population of the city of Los Angeles is believed to have doubled within the past two years; but its church accommodations have not doubled . . . . we must quicken our steps, we must open wider our purses; we must take hold on the divine power with a new agony of prayer, or California is hopelessly materialized and those who come to us from abroad will be caught and carried away by the world spirit and become with us of the earth earthy."

Mr. Ford recommends 4 cents per week per member and says that in the past year most churches fell short of this amount.

The report of Rev. C. B. Sumner outlines the necessity for a college of the type of Pomona, and in a footnote states that the first college term will open September 12, 1888, "with competent professors and suitable provision for board of students of both sexes."

The resolutions adopted at this meeting pledged the sympathy and support of the Conference to Pomona College, urged the members to subscribe to the "Pacific," commended the work of the Pacific Theological Seminary, condemned the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicants and extended thanks to the pastor and members of the Riverside church for their hospitality. It was also resolved that the minutes of the 1st and 2nd Annual Meetings be published and an assessment of the churches at the rate of 6 cents per member was recommended to defray the expenses of publication.

The statistics show 36 churches, the oldest being Los Angeles First, San Bernardino and Santa Barbara, all organized in 1862. The largest number of members is reported by the Los Angeles First, 424, this being more than twice the number reported by any of the other churches. The smallest church is Los Angeles Park which reports eight members, three men and five women, and one absent member. Escondido and South Riverside each have more men than women in their congregations, Escondido reporting five men and four women, a total of nine, and South Riverside seven men and four women, a total membership of eleven. Oceanside reports eleven men and eleven women. The largest Sunday School is reported by the Los Angeles First and none of the Sunday Schools report a membership under forty.

In the list of addresses of Congregational Ministers printed in the back of the minutes there are four names which appear in the Conference list for 1927: Revs. A. H. Burnell, James H. Harwood, Theodore C. Hunt, and David Jenkins.

On the back cover of these minutes is an advertisement of the Los Angeles College, a three-story frame building at the corner of 8th and Hope Streets, "A Day and Boarding School for Girls and Young Ladies." On the inside front cover is a drawing of the proposed first College Building for Pomona College, with a large fountain playing full force in the foreground.

The last item in the book shows that the cost of living has not increased in all respects in forty years, it reads: "THE PACIFIC, published at No. 7 Montgomery Ave., San Francisco, by the Publishing Co. of the Pacific, under the management of S. S. Smith and Rev. John Kimball. Price $2.50."

SAN DIEGO CHINESE

The Chinese Mission of San Diego Celebrates 55 Years of Mission Work

The laying of the cornerstone for the new chapel and dormitory of the Chinese Mission in San Diego commemorated the completion of fifty-five years of mission work for the Chinese in that city. It also marked the beginning of a new era of progress for a new plant and an adequate equipment the work should prosper more than ever before.

Mr. George W. Marston, who was the largest donor of the $15,000 fund needed to erect the building, and who has been one of the most active and generous supporters of the work ever since he came to San Diego, laid the cornerstone after making a short address. Other addresses were made by Tom Kin Lai, one of the oldest members of the Mission; and Rev. Lawrence Wilson, pastor of Mission Hills Church. Rev. William Forshaw, pastor of Plymouth, Mr. C. C. Hung, head of the Mission, and Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, Extension Secretary, also participated in the services.

"The Mission is the meeting place of the East and the West," said Mr. Hung. "It is here primarily to provide a center for the social and spiritual life of the young Chinese who come to San Diego to secure an education. We strive to see that greater social opportunities are offered in the best environment. We find that here the Chinese young people come into contact with the best of the western ideals, civilization and religion, and while we are learning from our American friends, we are also trying to give them a better and clearer idea of Chinese character, ideals, traditions and ambitions."

Bakersfield Chinese Mission

The Chinese Mission at Bakersfield is in great need of some more Gospel song books. If any of our American churches have any old song books collecting dust on the shelves in the basement, and would be willing to donate them to this work, please notify Mr. P. B. Waterhouse at the Conference office at once. Mr. Lau, the pastor, is doing fine work and is conducting a language school for the young people on week days in addition to his regular pastoral work. This summer they received the gift of a new piano from one of the Chinese members, so they must have these song books to go along with it.

LA CANADA YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANIZE CLUB

Thirty-five young people from 12 to 17 years of age met in the Parish House of the Community Church and decided to organize a club. Incorporated into the by-laws as one of the purposes of the club was "To develop by precept and example a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship and to promote among its members and in the community, the science of right living, and the adoption of higher ideals of life." This is the first and only organization of its kind in La Canada. Their immediate objective is to complete and put into use the tennis court on the church grounds. They plan to hold monthly meetings with the purpose to develop the body, mind and spirit of the members.

ONEONTA

Oneonta is a church which claims the unique distinction of having its parish lie, in almost equal proportions, within the bounds of two different cities, South Pasadena and Alhambra. At the same time, the parish is extremely compact, almost eighty per cent of the families living within half a mile of the church building. Since this entire area is closely built-up with single-family dwellings, and since there are no other churches within the area, it means that Oneonta is a neighborhood community church in the very real sense of the term. And since the community teems with children, the work of religious education takes a major place in the interest and activity of the church.

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During July the church conducted a Vacation Bible School with a total enrollment of 168 boys and girls, representing families affiliated with 12 different denominations, including Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Christian Scientists, Roman Catholics, Christians, Baptists, United Presbyterians and others. The school was organized under skilled local leadership, and set a remarkably high standard of accomplishment, especially in the fine type of project work carried out in the Primary and Junior departments.

Beginning with September the church added to its staff a Director of Religious Education, Miss Helen M. Phelps, a graduate of the Congregational Training School for Women, in Chicago. On Rally Day, in addition to welcoming Miss Phelps, the Church School presented graduation certificates to 107 children who were being promoted from the various departments.

Although paying so much attention to children and youth, the church does not permit the interests of the adult portion of the parish to be lost sight of. The Women's Society averages one hundred in attendance at its monthly all-day meetings in which missionary, church work and social service interests are combined. The Sunday services this fall are claiming the attention of many adults in the community outside of the immediate church group. Beginning September 25th, Rev. Holland F. Burr, the pastor, is preaching a series of morning sermons on "Plain Questions About Religion" which were stimulated by the reading of the articles on atheism in recent numbers of the World's Work.

For Sunday evenings the church is continuing the plan which was successfully inaugurated last year of inviting guest preachers to speak on special themes. The first guest-preacher is Dr. J. Hudson Ballard, head of the department of religion of Occidental College, who on September 25th began a series of six Sunday evenings on "The New Psychology and Christianity."

Mission Hills—San Diego—October second marked the beginning of the fifth year of service in the Mission Hills Church of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence A. Wilson. The day was celebrated by appropriate services and the pastor preached on "The Gospel of Fresh Beginnings," consecrating the membership to greater activity for the church.

NEWS ITEMS

Recent Deaths

Rev. Theodore Schauer of Riverside, acting-pastor of the Church at Moreno.

Rev. W. C. Merritt of Claremont.

Mr. W. H. Porterfield of San Diego.

Mr. Charles M. Stone of Pomona.

New Building Projects

Barstow will begin the erection in the near future of a house of worship, costing $16,000.00, on the fine site near the center of the town, owned by the Southern California Congregational Conference. Rev. Isaac McRae, pastor since 1921. Mr. Harry L. Pierce, architect.

Buena Park—It is proposed to erect the $30,000.00 building on the corner, removing the parsonage to the rear of the lot. Rev. Burton Y. Neal, pastor.

Claremont—The Church school building as the first unit, costing $150,000.00, will be dedicated in the near future. Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, pastor.

Hyde Park proposes to erect a new church building soon, on or near its present site. Rev. J. W. MacCallum pastor, who came from Tampa, Fla.

Masis, Armenian worshipping in an Oddfellow's Hall building, requires a new house of worship, and will either buy a lot and erect a new building thereon, or purchase a desirable church building. Rev. H. H. Ashjian, pastor.

Western Knoll dedicated its fine new house of worship on South Gramercy, between West 70th and 71st Streets, on Sunday, September 25th, with appropriate services. At 3:00 p. m. with the house full, Dr. Lloyd C. Douglas, pastor of the First Congregational Church, conducted the service of worship. Rev. Henry K. Booth preached the sermon. Rev. George F. Kenngott offered the prayer of dedication. Music was furnished by the Octette from the First Congregational Church, and Mrs. Baldwin sang beautiful solos. On Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, the dedication service of the Rev. William Davies' Memorial Window, attracted a large attendance. The service was most impressive. The window, back of the Pulpit, is Hoffman's "Christ in Gethsemane." Mrs. William Davies and her two sons and daughter, were present. Quite appropriately, Rev. Paul A. Davies of Santa Barbara, spoke of the lessons of the Memorial Window. Rev. Frank C. Reid, pastor, has led the church from the old site to the new.

Vernon Avenue Congregational Church at the corner of Vernon Avenue and Hooper Street, formerly the property of the Vernon Avenue Congregational Church, now Western Knoll, was purchased by the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles for $32,000.00, which funds the Western Knoll Church used for the purchase of its site and toward the erection of its building.

The Lincoln Memorial Church has taken possession of the Vernon Avenue property, which was re-dedicated for the use of the Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church, on Sunday, October 9, the only colored Congregational church west of the Mississippi River. The property formerly occupied by the Lincoln Memorial Congregational church, on East 34th Street, near Central Avenue, has been sold to the Calvary Baptist Church (colored) for $16,000.00. These funds, less the mortgage of about $3,000.00, will be used for the purchase price of the Vernon Avenue property. Rev. Ernest E. Lightner, pastor since 1915.

Westwood Hills will begin the erection in the near future of the first unit of its new house of worship, costnig about $30,000.00, on a remarkably fine site on the corner of Westwood and La Grange, about a mile from the new University. Rev. G. W. Ray, pastor.

Olivet—Olivet will lay the corner stone of its new house of worship, costing about $30,000.00, at the corner of Washington and Magnolia, about the first of November. Rev. W. H. Hopkins, pastor since 1923.

First Congregational Church, Pasadena laid the corner stone of its grand new building at the corner of Walnut and Los Robles, costing about $300,000.00, on Sunday, September 25th. Rev. Daniel F. Fox, pastor since 1909.

Pilgrim, Bakersfield, has begun the erection of the first unit, costing about $16,000.00, of its new building, near the Williams School. Mr. James H. Price, pastor for about a year, left recently to undertake work as Director of Religious Education in Oregon.

Tehachapi will erect the first unit of its new building, costing about $6,000.00, in the near future. Rev. J. T. Munton, who went to Tehachapi recently as pastor, will serve that field jointly with the Methodist church at Mojave, and will hold services on Sunday afternoon at Monolith.

CHANGES IN PASTORATES

National City—Rev. Charles R. Shatto, who resigned August 1st, is succeeded by Rev. Paul W. Jones, pastor of the Congregational Church at Grand Junction, Colorado, since 1920. Mr. Jones will serve the Congregational church at San Ysidro also.

Willowbrook—Rev. J. K. Higginbotham begins his pastorate auspiciously. The church building has been repaired. The Sunday school shows increasingly large attendance. The Conference Superintendent received Rev. J. K. Higginbotham and his daughter, Miss Vesta, into the membership of the church on Sunday, October 2nd.

Hyde Park—Rev. J. W. MacCallum succeeds Rev. J. K. Higginbotham. The Parish house was filled for the reception and dinner for Rev. J. W. MacCallum on Friday evening, September 23rd.

North Wilshire—Resignation of Rev. E. T. McMahon, pastor since 1924, took effect the 4th of September. The church voted to disband and the Ecclesiastical Council, called by the church, approved the action of the church.

The property was transferred to the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles on payment of the debts. The Sunday school continues under the direction of Rev. Ray Eckerson, with an attendance of about two hundred. Dr. MacMahon and the little group of faithful people, were commended by the Council for their loyalty and devotion.

Palos Verdes—Rev. Ray Eckerson, who served as Director of Religious Education for a year, was succeeded by Miss Alice Lindsley, formerly in charge of the Sunday school.

Buena Park—Rev. W. W. Hart was succeeded by Rev. Burton Y. Neal, formerly pastor of the Pilgrim Church, Bakersfield.

Hemet—Rev. W. I. Newman, formerly pastor of Ocean Beach, succeeded Rev. H. V. Hartshorn as pastor of the church at Hemet, beginning August 1.

Highland—Rev. Harold V. Hartshorn, formerly pastor at Hemet, succeeded Rev. C. H. Davis, who has returned East.

Manhattan Beach—Rev. Ralph B. Larkin resigned the pastorate of this church as of October 2nd.

Nuevo—Rev. W. B. Pinkerton, pastor at Nuevo, also gives pastoral care to the community at Glen Avon.

OTHER ITEMS

Big Bear—Rev. John B. Toomay, pastor of the church at Ontario, was released by that church to serve the community at Big Bear for three months in the summer. Mr. Toomay had a very satisfactory ministry at Big Bear. The Treasurer gave the Conference Treasurer $1,000.00 recently, which pays all of the current expenses. The note on the property has been reduced to $3,000.00 and it is proposed to raise that amount in the near future.

Mexican Missions—Rev. C. E. Crawford resigned his Superintendency of the Mexican missionary work, because of ill health and was succeeded by Rev. R. S. Holding, who has his home at Chino. The erection of the Mexican Mission building at Pomona, has been delayed because of the sickness of Mr. Crawford.

Glendale—Mr. Frank C. Rulon is conducting a financial campaign for the raising of about $50,000.00. Mr. Rulon made a similar campaign in behalf of this church about four years ago. The fact that he has been re-engaged by the Glendale church speaks well for his service.

Grace—Question of relocation of this church on Holmes Avenue to Huntington Park has not yet been decided. Rev. David G. Blair, pastor.

The Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles held its semi-annual meeting on Friday, October 7th in the First Congregational Church, with the usual large attendance. It has been the custom for many years at the semi-annual meeting to call the roll of the forty churches in the Extension Society with two minute reports from a representative of each of the churches, giving the most hopeful aspects of their work.

The present Superintendent, George F. Kenngott, began his service fifteen years ago. During this time property costing about $100,000.00 has appreciated to one million dollars. Recently the Hollywood Congregational Church site for which was purchased in 1914 for $23,000.00 at the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Sycamore Avenue, sold the corner lot, eighty feet by one hundred and fifty feet for $200,000.00 cash. The original site was 210 feet on Hollywood Boulevard and 210 feet on Sycamore Avenue. The rest of the property is valued at $250,000.00. The Society, however, has never received anything from the unearned increment! Now the question arises as to where the Hollywood Congregational Church will erect its new house of worship.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Garland of Defeat by Florence Mary Bennett (Mrs. Louis Francis Anderson) 365 pages, price $2.00. Harold Vinal, Ltd., New York. A story of the days when Greece was in her glory, when the arts flourished—the tale of an Arcadian shepherd, taught by his mother, who was caretaker of one of Pan's shrines and a devout believer in the ancient Greek gods, particularly Hermes. Her passion which she transmits to her son, is patriotic—Athens above all else. The story tells of his leaving the Arcadian hills in accordance with orders from Pan, of his life in Athens at the home of Praxiteles to the end, where he becomes the model for the great statue—Praxiteles' Hermes. This is a wonderful sketch of the forms and ceremonies attending the worship of the pagan gods. It is a poetic vision of life in Athens in the Fourth Century, B. C.

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